

vetoed House Bill 230 – Health Occupations – Dental Hygienists – Supervised Practice in a Private Dental Office.

This bill authorizes a dental hygienist who has a general license to practice under the supervision of a licensed dentist who is not on the premises while the authorized dental hygiene services are being performed. This legislation also permits a dental hygienist with a general license to practice dental hygiene under the supervision of a licensed dentist in a private dental office under specified conditions.

Senate Bill 225, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 230.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 230

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations – Dental Hygienists – Supervised Practice in a Private Dental Office

FOR the purpose of authorizing a dental hygienist practicing with a general license to practice under the supervision of a licensed dentist who is not on the premises while the authorized dental hygiene services are being performed; ~~authorizes~~ authorizing a dental hygienist practicing under a general license to practice dental hygiene under the supervision of a licensed dentist in a private dental office; requiring a private dental office supervising a dental hygienist to ensure certain licensing requirements are met; authorizing a dental hygienist to perform dental hygiene services without the supervising dentist on the premises only if certain requirements are met; prohibiting a supervising dentist from employing more than two dental hygienists to work under the dentist's general supervision at any given time; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the supervised practice of dental hygienists in a private dental office.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health Occupations
Section 4–308
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health Occupations